

Thursday, May 4, 1995

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6131–S6191*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 757–760, and S. Con. Res. 12. **Pages S6168–69**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 184, to establish an Office for Rare Disease Research in the National Institutes of Health. (S. Rept. No. 104–79) **Page S6168**

**Product Liability Fairness Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S6148–59**

Adopted:

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 149), Kyl Amendment No. 681 (to Amendment No. 596), to make improvements concerning alternative dispute resolution. **Page S6154**

Rejected:

(1) Abraham Amendment No. 600 (to Amendment No. 596), to provide for proportionate liability for noneconomic damages in all civil actions whose subject matter affects commerce. (By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 148), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6153–54**

(2) Hollings Amendment No. 682 (to Amendment No. 596), to provide for product liability insurance reporting. (By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 150), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6154–55**

Pending:

Gorton Amendment No. 596, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6148–55**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 151), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Gorton Amendment No. 596, listed above. **Page S6155**

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 152), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to

close further debate on Gorton Amendment No. 596, listed above. **Pages S6158–59**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Friday, May 5, 1995.

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Catherine C. Blake, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Herbert F. Collins, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board for a term of three years.

43 Army nominations in the rank of General.

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**Communications:**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S6183–89**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—152) **Pages S6154–55, S6158–59**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 6:13 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, May 5, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S6189.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on multilateral development banks, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 11.